

Appl. No. **10 731 757**

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Entry of the amendment is requested to place the application in condition for allowance. Claims 1-3, 6, and 7 have been canceled to expedite prosecution of the remaining claims which were not rejected over prior art. Applicants maintain their position set forth in the prior amendments and request for reconsideration regarding the rejections of the claims. The above claims are canceled without prejudice to the filing of a continuing application directed to the subject matter of the canceled claims.

Claim 19 has been placed in independent form. The dependencies of claims 8 and 18 have been corrected. The R groups in Formula V of claims 19 and 24 have been amended to R' to correspond to the designation in the remainder of the claims.

Commonly owned Serial No. 10/480,180 is under non-final rejection and commonly owned Serial No. 10/480,056 is under final rejection. Since neither application has been allowed, Applicants submit that the obviousness-type rejections should be withdrawn.

Applicants submit that the claims in the present amendment meet the requirements for patentability. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider his rejections of the claims and allow claims 8-13 and 16-26.

Respectfully submitted

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